



MILWAUKEE NUMISMATIC NEWS

June 2015 – Our next regular meeting will be held Thursday, June 18, 7 PM at Mayfair Mall community room, lower level. The program will be the club semi-annual auction, see elsewhere in this issue for list of items. On August 1, we will tour the Grohmann Museum Medal Exhibit.

The Milwaukee Numismatic Society, founded in 1934, is the oldest and largest organization in Milwaukee devoted to the study of money. Meetings are held at 7:00 PM on the third Thursday of each month in the Community Room on the lower level of Mayfair Mall (W. North Avenue at N. Mayfair Road).

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June Coin of the Month: For June we have a 1986 US proof commemorative half dollar, commemorating Liberty. Flawless coin in original box with certificate. Bids start at just \$5 for this wonderful commem.



June 2015 MNS President's Message

First off I would like to thank VP Jim for stepping in to run the May club meeting in my absence last month. At the upcoming June meeting we will be having our semi-annual club auction. Hopefully you have already submitted your list of items for sale to Dave H. so that it can be found in the auction listing contained elsewhere in this newsletter. If not, please bring your items for sale to the meeting and we can include them as a last minute addition. I hope that everyone comes ready to bid on some new items for your collection.

The Central States Educational Seminar on paper money held at the Clarion Airport Hotel on May 23rd was a terrific success. Over twenty individuals were in attendance and the quality of the information conveyed was outstanding. A big thank you goes out to Central States for agreeing to host this event in Milwaukee, and to Ray Lockwood and Leon S. for spearheading the organizational efforts.

On May 15th Tom C. and I attended the opening reception of the "Metal for Mettle" exhibit at the MSOE Grohmann Museum. Since the collector Thomas Garver was speaking, it was well worthwhile to learn of his collecting interests. Running only through August 23rd, this is a limited time exhibit at the Grohmann, a very special opportunity to see a collection of art medals on display right here in our hometown of Milwaukee. That is why a visit to this exhibit will serve as our Club's summer outing on August 1st. It will be rather informal, please just show up at approximately 2:00 PM that afternoon at 1000 N. Broadway. There is always ample street parking. You can tour the entire museum, and admission is reasonable at only \$5, or \$3 for seniors.

As Mr. Garver notes, "One may well say that virtually all commemorative medals are narrative by intent. They're marks of pinnacle personal moments, documents of powerful events within a society, or acknowledgements of unique places in time and space." This feature exhibition allows for a closer look at these small, splendid sculptural works, honoring work and workers, from heavy labor on the factory floor to refined scientific advances. I hope that you will find time to visit this exhibition with your fellow club members on August 1st.

Happy Collecting,
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Editorial Comment: This has been a busy season for your editor. A trip to Armenia in April (where I saw and procured a few nice coins), then a trip to California, then in May a trip to Washington, DC, with my wife, then another trip to Washington for the Stars and Stripes Honor Flight with my father-in-law Bob Auer who served in the Coast Guard during the Korean conflict, and then a trip to New York and Boston for my mother's funeral in North Andover. The traveling caused me to miss the CSNS show, the NOW show, and the CSNS seminar in Milwaukee. So if the newsletter gets to you a little late, or if this month's issue is a little lame, that's my excuse!--Leon

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Schedule

Monthly meetings in 2015 are held at 7:00 pm on the 3rd Thursday of each month in the Community Meeting Room in the lower level of Mayfair Mall. Visitors interested in numismatics are welcome.

Monthly meeting programs

Jan 15:	Officer Inductions; Photograding Flying Eagle & Indian Cents by Darrell L.
Feb 19:	Outdated/Low Value Book Dispersal
March 19:	Open
April 16:	Open
May 21:	Open
June 18:	"Spring" Auction
July 16:	Bob Burlingame "Diving Expedition Treasure Finds"
Aug 1:	Grohmann Museum Outing
Aug 20:	NO MEETING
Sept 17:	Educational Video Viewing
Oct 15:	"Other Collections" Expanded Show & Tell
Nov 19:	Autumn Auction
Dec 17:	Holiday Party; Officer Elections

Annual Dues

Dues for 2015 are \$10. Please pay at the next meeting, or they may be mailed to MNS, PO Box 241174, Milwaukee, WI 53224. Thanks to those who have paid.

PLEASE NOTE:

MNS is a volunteer organization. We always need new and interesting programs, activities, helpers to work at events, and someone to bring refreshments for the meetings. We are also looking for ideas for club outings. MNS will reimburse refreshment expenses up to \$50. To volunteer, please contact Pres. Justin Perrault at 262.785.7663 or VP Jim Heinrich at 262.796.1814. Thanks to everyone who has stepped up by volunteering their time and talent to make this club a success.

2015 Numismatic Events

June 11-13	Greater Chicago Coin & Currency Show (Thur: 12-6; Fri: 9-6; Sat: 9-4) Tinley Park Convention Center 18451 Convention Center Rd. Tinley Park, IL
July 12 th	West Suburban Coin & Collectable Expo (9 AM – 3 PM) 6200 Joliet Rd. Countryside, IL
August 1 st	Grohmann Museum (MSOE) Club Outing – 2:00 PM
Aug. 11-15	ANA World's Fair of Money Stephens Convention Ctr, Rosemont, IL
August 29 th	Sheboygan Coin & Stamp Show Laker's Ice Center (9-3:30 PM) 1202 S. Wildwood Ave.
Sept. 24-26	ILNA 55 th Annual Coin & Currency Show (Thur: 12-6; Fri: 9-7; Sat: 9-4) 18451 Convention Center Rd. Tinley Park, IL
October 4	MNS Annual Coin Show Serb Hall – 5101 W. Oklahoma Ave 9 AM-4 PM
Mar 31- Apr 2, 2016	MNS/SSCC sponsored NOW show

Refreshment Schedule

Jan:	Dave Herrewig
Feb:	Don Kaminski
Mar:	Dave H.
Apr:	Tom Dallmann
May:	Stu C.
Jun:	Howard Thorpe
Jul:	Open
Aug:	N/A
Sep:	Open
Oct:	Open
Nov:	Leon A.
Dec:	Holiday Party

May 15-16, 2015 – NOW Coin Show in Iola, Wisconsin

A Great Time was Had by All



Photos courtesy of John and Nancy Wilson

**May 23, 2015 -- CSNS Milwaukee Paper Money Seminar Photos at the
Clarion Airport Hotel**



Photos courtesy of Gerald Tebben and Justin Perrault

Milwaukee Numismatic Society

May 21, 2015 Minutes

The 958th monthly meeting of the Milwaukee Numismatic Society took place at the Mayfair Mall Community Room on May 21, 2015. The meeting was called to order by VP Jim Heinrich at 7:03 PM, with the pledge of allegiance. 31 members and one guest, Scott Vesely, were present. Former president Leon Saryan volunteered to take minutes, and trustee Tom Dallmann volunteered as Sgt. at Arms.

Door prizes were won by Peter Jacobsohn, Leon Saryan, Karl Kaiser, Howard Thorpe, Gary Bieringer, Leon Adraktas, Bob Mathieu, Bruce Bartelt, Ed Fyrnys, Pam Talmadge, Russ Konig, and Peter Caddell. Steve Jacobson was high bidder on the coin of the month, a Maryland state medal, for \$10.

Minutes: Minutes of the April 2015 meeting were approved as printed without objection.

Treasurer: Lee Hartz reported that receipts for April were \$331.50 and expenses were \$1311.80.

Thanks to Stu Caddell who brought refreshments this month in honor of his son Peter's birthday. The June meeting will be the auction. Send Dave Hunsicker your lot descriptions at davehuns@yahoo.com. Congratulations were extended to CSNS exhibit winners plus Sandy Casper, and to Tom Casper, who won a special award. Thanks to Tom Snyder for printing the raffle tickets and to Russ Konig for covering the expense. It was announced that the KP Numismatic Ambassador Award is being taken over by the FUN (Florida) organization. Howard Thorpe gave a report on the Iola NOW show.

It was announced that the Grohmann Museum at MSOE (1025 N. Broadway) is hosting (until August 23) an outstanding exhibit entitled "Metal for Mettle—Historic Commemorative Medals Honoring Labor and Achievement." The club is planning an outing on August 1 to view this important exhibit.

Membership: Linda Klabunde was accepted unanimously as a new member and Scott Vesely submitted his application to join. He will be voted on in May.

Newsletter: Short articles (1-2 pages) are always needed. Illustrations are helpful and can be in color. Photos of club events are always welcome.

Website: Nothing new to report

Show and Tell:

Tom Casper: Prizes and awards from CSNS Show

Lee Hartz: Modern coin sets of the United Kingdom

Bruce Bartelt: Newly purchased ancient coins

Neil Shafer: A W. J.U. Bryan piece and a very high denomination German coin.

Peter Jacobsohn: Interesting tidbits about Grant's Tomb in New York's Riverside Park. Hint: no one is "buried" there.

Leon Saryan: SSCC exhibit award and electronic pictures of rare ancient coins seen in Armenia in April.

The meeting was adjourned at 9 PM.

Respectfully submitted by L. Saryan

36 Scouts earn merit badges

By Leon A. Saryan

Thirty-six Boy Scouts successfully completed their coin collecting merit badges at the 35th annual MNS Boy Scout Coin Collecting Merit Badge Clinic held in Milwaukee March 21.

The clinic, sponsored and organized by the Milwaukee Numismatic Society since 1980, was held in conjunction with the three-day South Shore Coin Club annual show at the Crowne Plaza Hotel near the Milwaukee airport.

The four-hour Saturday morning program provides boys aged 11 to 14 with a comprehensive overview of numismatics. Topics covered included coin

and paper money manufacture, coin basics and terminology, storing a coin collection, coin identification, mints and mint marks, designers initials, the state quarter program, coin grading, paper currency basics and an introduction to federal banking system. At the conclusion of the program, all Scouts attended the coin show bourse and had a chance to view and purchase coins and currency offered for sale by dealers.

Each Scout was presented with a goody bag filled with collectable coins, tokens, paper currency, and numismatic publications, all donated to MNS by dealers and various organizations. Special gifts were distributed for answering difficult questions. This year, donations were received from Greater Milwaukee Coin, Brookfield, WI; American Coin, Racine, WI; Bob's OK Coins, Milwaukee; and Bob's Coins and Derzor Coins, both of West Allis, WI. MNS is extremely grateful to all supporters.

The merit badge clinic was inaugurated by veteran MNS members Lee Hartz and Tom Casper, and substantially enhanced by Bruce Benoit. Principal speaker and clinic coordinator for 2015 was MNS past-president Leon Saryan



Boy Scouts show off their collections at the MNS Coin Collecting Merit Badge Clinic.

The success of the clinic is the result of a great team effort. Stu Caddell took care of audio-visuals. Video clips from a movie documentary entitled The Money Story demonstrated the processes used for the production of coins and paper currency.

Volunteers checked the boys in, examined their collections, and graded their quizzes. Featured speakers included Roger Lick, who discussed coin grading; Dave Hunsicker, who spoke about mint marks and designer initials; and Justin Perrault, who presented paper money and the United States Federal Reserve system. Clinic coordinator Saryan presented an introduction to coin collecting and described the state quarter program.

Other key volunteers were Gary Bieringer, Henry Javorsky, Betty Petrovick, Josh Whitehall, Dave Herrewig, Bruce Bartelt, Howard Thorpe and Jeff Gaffke.

This year's program was very well received by the boys and several parents who attended.

MNS is grateful for the cooperation of the South Shore Coin Club, which arranged for the meeting room at the Crowne Plaza in conjunction with its excellent three-day show.

Elgin Coin Club

Chinese fakes return to online auction site

The return of Chinese coin replicas. A few years ago, eBay issued a ban on listing counterfeit coins for sale. Most of these coins were made in China and some of these coins did not show the word "Copy" as required by the Hobby Protection Act. At first that policy worked fine and the fake coins disappeared for a while. That is until a few weeks ago. While browsing through a listing of Elgin coins, I saw an Elgin half offered for about 1/10th the usual price. When I looked closer, I saw a very crude copy. On the obverse, the face looked wrong and there was no designer monogram. The reverse was even more telling. Where it should say PIONEER MEMORIAL were the words MONEER MEMORIAL. This coin actually sold for \$23. A few days later, another similar coin from Russia sold for \$50. Since then, I found listings for crude Iowa, Columbian, Boone and Oregon Trail halves. It's just another example of be careful what you buy.

Elgin Coin Club Newsletter



The merit badge clinic team

Photo by John Wilson

Auction June 18, 2015

Lot

- 1 Milw. Co. Park Commission 5 cent aluminum token, XF-AU
- 2 UWM Civic Center Campus brass token, vf+ .
- 3 Ten pieces world paper money, various countries, no dups, nice condition
- 4 Ten more pieces as above
- 5 Ten coin sheets, 5x7-3/4 double slot sleeves
- 6 Nine coin sheets, 2-3/4x2-3/4 twelve slot sleeves
- 7 50 coin sheets, 1-3/8x1-1/2 twenty four slot sleeves
- 8 50 coin sheets as above
- 9 Alarmed bank vault from Capitol Marine Bank
- 10 Bag of stuff
- 11 1986,87,88,89 Canada, Sons of Norway tokens
- 12 Two, neat Milwaukee Centurama envelopes, August 9, 1946 Air Show cancel and August 8, 1946 Veterans Day cancel carried across Lake Michigan on the S.S. Milwaukee Clipper
- 13 Book – “Facts, Mysteries & Myths About US Coins”
- 14 Groth’s Garage, Cedarburg 1924 check with great old time car vignette
- 15 Set of four “Rare Coin Coasters”
- 16 1913 Milwaukee store, Espenhan’s 34th anniversary pin back
- 17 Three Canada Queen Victoria F-VF large cents plus book on her birth to death
- 18 1878 silver dollar, sterling silver money clip
- 19 **MNS 1984 50th Anniversary octagonal medal donated by Greater Milwaukee Coin**
- 20 MNS two coin set for 25th anniversary, 1934-1959
- 21 Mexico peso 1947 VF, 0.500 fine, 14 grams plus 1960 peso AU, 0.100 fine, 16 grams (MB \$6.00)
- 22 Honolulu transit token (issued 1924) for their continuing 1898 to now streetcar (MB \$1.00)
- 23 Two hand crafted Western belt buckles made in the USA (MB \$7.00)
- 24 Book – “Making of Milwaukee” by John Gurda
- 25 Book – Webster’s Geographical Dictionary
- 26 Five FUN Florida convention medals 2010 to 2014
- 27 Bank check, 1871, 1st National Bank of Sing Sing, NY with revenue stamp
- 28 Book – the famous “Gertie The Duck” 1945, made Milwaukee nationally known
- 29 Huge 1939 Marine Bank Medal
- 30 Columbian first year 1892 commemorative half dollar VF
- 31 Washington/Carver 1952 commemorative half dollar
- 32 NOW 1967 show, MNS oxidized silver medal
- 33 1971 proof Summerfest medal
- 34 Two NOW 1967 show MNS medals
- 35 Two BU FSB mercury dimes (1943D and 1944D), min. bid \$30, catalog \$50 each
- 36 5 different Milwaukee Brewers tokens 1995-1999
- 37 Old 1961 & 1966 Red Books from Wm. Pheatt (famous dealer) collection
- 38 KP US Paper Money catalog, 27th ed.
- 39 KP World Coin Catalog, 32nd ed 1901-2005
- 40 KP World Coin Catalog, 2001-2010 with CD!